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Special Branch S. 4 ~~XXXXXX~~

Date November 13, 1933.

Subject (in full)

Dr. J.P. Ryabine.

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With reference to the Officer i/c Special Branch memo regarding Dr. J.P. Ryabine, enquiries show that he is a Yugoslavian subject, born on September 25, 1887 at ^{Belgrade} ~~Beograd~~, Serbia. He claimed to have graduated from the Kazan University, Russia, in 1912. It is known that Dr. Ryabine participated in the Civil War in Siberia, serving in the ranks of the White Russian Army of Ataman Semenov in Trans-baikal Province. In 1922 he arrived at Shanghai from North China. From 1924 until 1930 he was employed as an inspector of the Service Sanitaire (Health Department) of the French Municipal Council. He lost his position when a new head of this department was appointed and many employees were obliged to resign. Since his resignation, Dr. Ryabine has been in private practice. At present Dr. Ryabine has an office at No. 416 Szechuen Road Room 72.

It is reported that Dr. Ryabine is a frequenter of gambling dens. At times he has to depend upon his winnings to cover his expenses. On one occasion he had some trouble in the Polish Club when it was discovered that the game at his table was not being played above board. Dr. Ryabine is living in an expensive style much beyond the income from his practice as a doctor. It is rumoured that he is on friendly terms with a certain Dr. Kurth Barth, a German (File D.4431), who was arrested on January 12, 1933 at 1/14 Vong Ching Lee, Nantao, on a charge of running a large morphine plant and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$3,000. Enquiries made in connection with this case revealed that one L. Establier, proprietor of the Pharmacie Modern, No. 455 Avenue Joffre, was the partner in this business and that Dr.

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Ryabine also has a certain interest in the undertaking (File D. 441/1).

During the past few months Dr. Ryabine appears to have been in great financial difficulties. He borrowed few hundred dollars from the China Finance Corporation and later he secured a loan of \$800 from the Thriftco Bank, 8 Kiukiang Road and repaid the amount. On October 7, 1933 on the orders of the Chinese Civil Court in French Concession Dr. Ryabine's property in his flat at No. 966 Avenue Joffre, Apartment 17 was ordered to be sold by auction to pay a debt of \$267.80 (house rent) to the Foncier et Immobiliere de Chine, No. 9 Avenue Edward VII. This auction, however, was not held as Dr. Ryabine had already removed from the house.

About a month ago, Dr. Ryabine joined a recently opened Ambulatory of Specialist Doctors (a clinic where moderate fees are charged) at No. 610 Avenue Joffre, Flat 4. This establishment according to report was opened by Doctor Perevozsky, a Russian Jewess, and a group of other doctors. It is being financed by one Mrs. Chen, a Chinese. Among the doctors employed in this institution are Dr. Osvald Glatz, German, suspected of being a Soviet Agent (File I.O. 7860), and Dr. A. Schoenfeld, Hungarian, (File D. 3189).

Dr. Ryabine has married twice. His first wife, Vaentina Vladimirovna nee Kutuzoff who was born in 1895 in Central Russia, was a nurse by occupation and took part in the Civil War in Russia. She died on July 26, 1933 at Shanghai. Dr. Ryabine's second wife, whose maiden name was Alexandra Andreevna Voronin, was born on August 20, 1905 at Sevastopol, South Russia. Her first husband was a Norwegian Captain named Kisting. From his second wife Dr. Ryabine has a son named

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Arseny, born in December, 1930. It is said that his present wife is forcing him to live in an expensive style and that this has caused him to run ^{heavily} ~~heavily~~ into debt.

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Reg. Please file. Mr. Balder, U.S. Commercial attaché, at whose request the inquiries were made, has been informed confidentially.

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